### County Commissioners' Proceedings.

#### McCook, Nebraska, May 4th, 1909.

The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present: S. Premer, C. B. Gray and F. S. Lofton. commissioners, Sidney Dodge, county attorney, and Chas. Skalla, county clerk.

The minutes of the meetings held in April were read and on motion approved.

The following claims were andited and al lowed and the clerk was instructed to draw warrants on the road funds of the respective commissioner districts as follows:

rugust mugarm, road work, commissioner		-s. 11	1.12
District No. 2\$	8	00	1
Arthur Jennings, same	3	00	
Lewis Campbell, same	2	UI.	1
F M Jennings, same	18	00	1

S B Frazer, road work, Commissioner District No. 3..... 4 00

On motion James J. Horton was appointed as overseer of highways for District No. 11, Tyrone Precinct.

The board having been informed by the authorities of Hitchcock county that the county board of said county has granted and established a road on the county line between Red Willow and Hitchcock counties, on the west side of section 18.3-30, from the intersection of the section line with the north line of the Burlington right of way to the northwest corner of section 18-3-30, the board on motion ordered the county clerk to notify the overseer of highways to open said road. Motion carried unanimously

On motion the county treasurer was in structed to strike from the 1907 tax list the taxes on lot 22, block 2, Willow Grove Addition to Mc-Cook, of 26 cents, as said lot at that time was property of the East McCook Sunday School Association and exempt from taxation.

Ou motion the county treasurer was instructed to strike from the 1895 tax list the sum of 30 cents being the taxes on the south half of block No. 13, Indianola city, which at that time was county property and exempt from taxation.

On motion the county treasurer was instructed to transfer from the district fund of School District No. 42 the sum of \$57.16 and place the same to the credit of District No. 66, the same being the taxes on the SW of 28-4-28, for the years 1900, 01, 02, 03, 04, 65, 06, 07 and 08, which were paid to District No. 42 when they should have been paid to District No. 66.

The appointment of N. J. Campbell as deputy was on motion approved.

On motion the county treasurer was in structed to refund to Frank Warner the sum of \$2,50, being the amount of poll tax assessed against him in 1907, and paid by him under protest, for the reason that he was not of age.

On motion the county treasurer was instructed to refund to W. E. Duling the sum of \$9.34, being the amount illegally assessed against him in 1908 and paid by him under protest, for the reason that an error of\$1,000.00 was made by the deputy assessor on the assessment book, by puting 95 acres of level land on the NW of 11-2-26 at \$2,900.00 when he intended to assess same at \$29.00 per acre, which is \$1,900.00.

The claim for tax refund of D. P. Treadway rejected

1908 taxes on the SE of 19-2-26 was on motion re- later their murdered bodies were found in 1807. The pretended waiter was

## A VALUABLE WEED.

The Teasel That Is Used to Raise the Nap on Cloth.

Our readers who never saw a teasel (spelled also tenzel and tenzle and even tassel) can imagine a fir cone or "swamp cattail," set all over with little stiff hooks. It is the bur or tassel or flower head or thistle top) of the plant dipsacus, and so identified is it with cloth dressing that this use of it gave it its botanical name, Dipsacus

fullonum, or fuller's teasel. However familiar to people who live in lands where the teasel is extensively grown the fact may be that the prickly heads of that plant are universally used to raise the nap on cloth, a multitude of persons in his country probably never heard of it and will be astonished to learn in what enormous quantities the plant is raised.

In France alone several thousand acres of land are exclusively devoted to the cultivation of the teasel. French manufacturers use many thousand dollars' worth of the prickly heads and export thousands of tons of them, valued at perhaps millions of dollars. Hundreds of tons are produced in Austria, England, Belgium, Poland and the Crimea.

The prickles of the teasel have a small knob at the end, and this, mounted on an elastic stem and set with the world, for seven years. great precision on the central spindle, affords a little brush, such, it is said, as the utmost mechanical skill has never been able to rival, at all events at the same price.-New York Herald.



The Tragic Legend That Is Associated With Bald Mountain.

The legend of a lost mine has given to Bald mountain, in Placer county, Colo., a fascinating interest for prospectors. Tradition is that early in the assessor, made by county assessor T. A. Endsley, fifties of the last century three men disappeared from an immigrant party going over the old Gap trail. Search for them was without avail, and they were finally reported dead by the searchers.

> Where or how they wintered no one knows, but the following spring, ragged, shoeless and demoralized, they filed into Michigan Bluff. Their blankets were converted into sacks, and with them they brought gold dust to the amount of \$10,000 or \$15,000.

Spending but a single night within the confines of civilization and giving on 1908 taxes on the NW of 10-1-28 was on motion no information as to the location of their large claim, they were followed Solari and Gervais Chaubard, who The claim for tax refund of J. E. Hathorn on on their return trip, and a few weeks with Loupain, had denounced Picaud



The Tragic Career of Picaud, a Cobbler of Paris.

HIS RISE TO GREAT WEALTH.

Thrown Into Jail by Secret Enemies, He Was Left a Fortune by a Fellow Prisoner-Released, His Scheme of Vengeance Brought Him Death.

That romantic creation of the brain of Alexandre Dumas, "The Count of Monte Cristo," had a counterpart in real life in France in the last century. This is the tragic story:

In 1807, when Napoleon was at the height of his power, Francois Picaud was a sturdy young journeyman cobbler of Paris, full of health and animal spirits and happy in the love of Marguerite Vigoureux, a young girl of his own station in life. On the eve of his marriage hidden enemies denounced him to the imperial government as a spy. He was cast into prison, where he remained, forgotten by

Among his fellow prisoners was a wealthy Milanese priest, who treated him like a son and bequeathed to him 7,000,000 francs on deposit in the Bank of Amsterdam. Furthermore, this ecclesiastic told Picaud the secret of a hiding place in Italy where were conup a boathook and forked the uncanny cealed jewels to the value of 1,200,000 creature overboard-Chambers' Jourfrancs and specie amounting to three millions.

When the empire was overthrown in 1814 Ficaud was one of a vast number of political prisoners throughou France who were given their freedom. He proceeded to gather the priest's treasure and to plan vengeance upon his enemies. Who they were he did not know.

Disguised as an Italian priest, he suc ceeded by bribing the least guilty of the conspirators and discovering the entire story of his undoing. The leader in the plot he learned was one Loupain, who had married Marguerite Vigoureux, prospered and become the proprietor of one of the handsomest cafes in Paris.

Picaud went to the capital and under a suitable disguise obtained work as a waiter in Loupain's establishment Fellow servants there were Guilhem

#### A Savage and Voracious Eel Found In Bermudian Waters.

The experienced sea fisherman takes care to kill every large conger eel as soon as it is brought into the boat. The conger has not only extraordinary jaw power-it can triturate shellfish, shells and all-but is also so abominably active that the fisherman's opinion of it coincides with that held of the Indian by the western plainsman, "No good conger except dead conger."

THE GREEN MORAY.

Ugly and savage brute as the conger is, it is a lamb compared with its relative, the green moray of Bermudian waters. This great eel is of an unnaturally brilliant green and has an eye which is the very epitome of intense and malignant ferocity. It is voracious and savage beyond words. The negro boatmen have such a holy horror of it that they absolutely refuse to allow a moray into the boat. An acquaintance of the writer, a marine officer, fishing in a small boat off Bermuda, hooked one of these fish, but as soon as his boatman saw the hideous head above the water he whipped out his knife and made to cut the line. The officer shouted to him to stop, but had to threaten to throw the man overboard before he would put up his knife. When the great eel was pulled over the side the negro went absolutely ashy with fright. As for the moray. no sooner was it in the boat than it doubled upon itself, and its jaws met with a clash in its own side, cutting out a chunk of white fiesh as neatly as a scoop would cut cheese. That

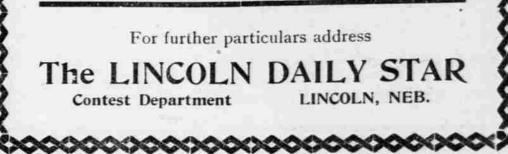


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Ten other trips and other prizes.



# A MANUFACTURED CLIMATE.

was enough for the officer. He picked

#### Methods of the Paris Market Gardeners In Forcing Nature.

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The gardeners of Paris get their products on the market weeks before the regular season for them. This forcing of nature is described by Er nest Poole in Success Magazine.

The secret is simply this: The French maraichers have manufactured a climate to suit them. As one observer has said, "They have moved the climate of Monte Carlo up to the suburbs of Paris."

Some new prodigy of modern sci ence, this? Not at all. Only enormous expense in money and in time. The gardens, whenever possible, are placed on land with a slope to the south and are well protected by walls on the north and east, walls built to reflect light as well as to give protec-

stead beach, Long Island, early in the

morning of Jan. 3, 1837. She carried

104 passengers and a crew of twelve

men. Four passengers and four of the

crew were saved by a surfboat from

the beach under the command of Ray-

nor Rock Smith. All others were

frozen to death, though the wreck was

so close to the shore that their cries

and even some of their words were

plainly heard on the beach. It was

the story of this wreck, as published

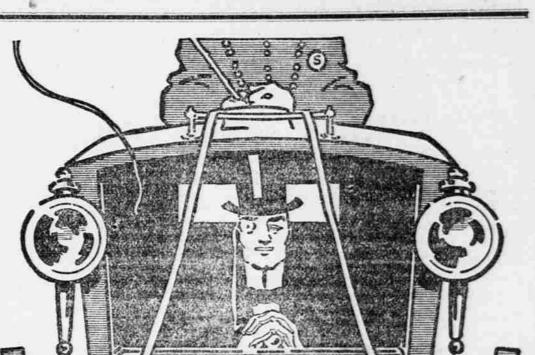
throughout the nation, that led to the

establishment of the United States

The Bayonet.

success, was the means of introducing

life saving service.-Scrap Book.



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The claim for tax refund of Mrs. J. V. Pickering for 1908 taxes on the west half of 12-1-29 was

on motion rejected. The claim for tax refund of \$11.10 of the I.O. O. F. of Lebanon, was on motion rejected. On motion the board adjourned to meet

June 7, 1909. S. PREMER, Chairman.

Attest: CHARLES SKALLA, County Clerk.

## NOTICE!

No more hunting, fishing, picnicking or boat riding on the old Loomis place. Parties doing so will be taken for trespassers and treated as such. THIS MEANS YOU .- 4-4-2m.

S. L. WRAY.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT. McCook, Nebraska, April 30th, 1909. Notice is hereby given that Albert McMillen has filed in the city clerk's office his bond and petition for a druggist's permit to sell malt, spiritnous and vinous liquors in the building on lot 11, block 22, in the First ward of the City of McCook, for the municipal year ending April 30th, 1910 - 4.30.37 April 30th, 1910.-4-30-3t

ALBERT MCMILLEN, Applicant.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION** OF THE McCook National Bank

> MCCOOE, NEBRASKA CHARTER No. 8823

In the State of Nebraska, at the close of business, April 28, 1909.

#### RESOURCES :

Loans and Discounts..... .\$156,649 14 Ovardrafts, secured and unsecured. U. S. Bonds to secure circulation... Premiums on U. S. Bonds... Bonds, securities, etc... 164 19 40,000,00 1,654 3 8,920 71 Banking honse, furniture and fixtures Due from National Banks (not reserve 3.185 93 agents). 5,255 33 Due from State and Privaie Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks Due from approved reserve agents... 30,629 93 Checks and other cash items... Notes of other National Banks. Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents... LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ: 1,485 00 14,410 65 Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) ..... 2,000 00 

LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in ..... \$50,000 00 Surplus fund 4,000 00 Undivided profits, less expenses and 2.207 83 taxes paid National Bank notes outstanding.... Due to State and Private Banks and 40,000 00 1 682 94 2.744 08 

State of Nebraska, County of Red Willow, ss.

I, C. J. O'Brien, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. C. J. O'BRIEN, Cashier. Correct-Attest:

ief. rrect-Attest: P. WALSH, Director. C. F. LEHN, Director. P. F. MCKENNA, Director. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th law of May, 1909. CHAS. W. KELLEY, Notary Public. Notary Public. day of May, 1909.



two-piece, self-binding, self-lock-Cleveland Leader. is the difference between a vision and ing, water-proof, frost-proof, sani-That is the No. of ONE of the best Lumber and Coal Concerns in a a sight? This book says- Mr. Livertary, dry-air block made. Takes What He Wanted. less material and is madequicker more-The difference between a girl **Disenchanted** "Be careful, young man. You know find it, call phone No. ONE, when you will be informed that you can get than any other block. Write to-"Do you believe in the superbuman?" before and a girl after she is married the old saying, 'Marry in haste and reday and let us tell you all about it, "I used to, but I don't any more" -Puck. pent at leisure."" and how you can make from \$15.00 to in fact No. ONE first, last and all the time. "Why? \$20 co every day that you work. Exclu-siveright in each county. Get in first. "That's why I'm rushing things. "I married him."-Chicago Record-Very Plain. What I want is leisure."-Exchange. Interlock Block Restaurant Patron-That isn't a very fieraid. Bullard Lumber Co. Machine Co. good looking piece of meat. Waiter-When fortune fails us the supposed City Office; 24th and Paul Sts. No nun knows the weight of another Well, you ordered a plain steak .- Exfriends of our prosperous days vanish. man's Lurden. - Pliny change. OMAHA, NEB. -Plautus.

in one of the dreary canyons that scar the face of the desolate peak. Since then many a man has sought

this lost mine, but apparently its immunity is as certain as that of the treasure of Captain Kidd .-- Philadelphia North American.

#### Pensive Butlers.

#### The fashion of building houses with the entrance doors practically on a

level with the street gives the observing stroller on Fifth avenue some humorous glimpses of butlers on duty. In the house of one of the most fashionable families in town the butler can be seen standing behind the bronze grill and glass doors staring disconsolately out at the passing throng for yourself to the powers of hell. Ten most of the afternoon, while across the street from this house the same kind of an entranceway often discloses a glimpse of a functionary of The diamond by which you bribed me the same class seated in a poetical at-

head supported by his hand. Outside of a hospital they are probably the after years of torture. My one thought saddest looking men in New York .-New York Press.

### The Gordian Knot.

titude by a circular marble table, his

When one of Uncle Sam's sailor's, a man named Gordon, formerly serving on one of our vessels in a West Indian squadron, was taken to the Naval hospital in Washington he described with grewsome vividness to his companions there his adventure with a shark off one of the islands in the West Indies.

"I had jest fell over the bulwarks," said the able seaman, "when along 1.702 45 comes a big shark an' grabs me by the leg."  $\begin{array}{c} 48 & 73 \\ 30 & 00 \end{array}$ 

"What did ye do then, matey?" asked one of the patients. 43 01 "I never disputes none with sharks," said the sailor. "I let him have the

leg."-Harper's Weekly.

#### A Composer's Compliment.

Wagner once said he would prefer to go to Vienna to hear the waltzes of Strauss to hearing Italian opera. On a birthday of Mme. Strauss some years ago she had as guests many celebrated musicians. She passed around a fan on which the different composers and players were writing their names and excerpts from compositions of their own. When it reached Brahms he penned the first measure of the "Blue Danube" waltz and signed beneath, "Not, I regret to say, by your devoted friend Johannes Brahms."

#### An Opinion.

"Say, paw," said little Rollo, "why do they call George Washington the father of his country?"

"I dunno, son, unless it was because his country kept him hustling to keep it out of trouble and then came to look at him as a sort of old fegy whose advice didn't amount to much anyhow."-Washington Star.

not long in bringing his vengeance to tion from the northeast winds.

a consummation. Chaubard was the The ground is practically covered first victim of his wrath. His body, with glass, not as in a greenhouse, but pierced by a knife, was found on one by glass frames in the open, "three of the bridges over the Seine. Loulight" frames of uniform size, 12 by pain was disgraced, reduced to pen-41/2 feet, and also by glass bells. These, ury and finally stabbed to death in the too, are of a uniform size, about the Tuileries gardens. Solari was poisonshape of a chapel bell, a little less ed and died in frightful convulsions. than seventeen inches in diameter and But speedy retribution overtook the from fourteen to fifteen inches high. implacable avenger. One night Picaud The French call them cloches. You was seized, bound and borne to an may often see over a thousand frames abandoned quarry. In the darkness a and over 10,000 glass bells in one twoterrible voice said: acre plot in the suburbs of Paris.

"Picaud, what name are you passing A more recent innovation is the emunder now? Are you still the priest ployment of hot water pipes run under Baldini or the waiter Prosper? You the soil, making of the earth a veritawished for revenge. You have sold ble steam heated hotel, with this essential difference, that the hotel keepyears you have given to the pursuit of er here is desperately eager, not to three wretches you should have spared keep his guests, but to persuade them Me you dragged down to perdition. to leave on the earliest possible day. was my destruction. I killed him who A Memorable Wreck. cheated me. I was arrested, condemn-The most memorable wreck in the ed to the galleys and escaped only history of the American surf was that of the bark Mexico, stranded on Hemp-

has been vengeance on the priest Baldini. You are in my power. Do you know me? I am Antoine Allut. How much will you pay for bread and water?

"I have no money," groaned Picaud. "You have sixteen millions. These are my conditions: I will give you something to eat twice a day, but for each meal you must pay me 25,000 francs."

However, the cupidity of the prisoner proved stronger than his hunger He underwent terrible suffering without any signs of yielding until his captor, goaded to fury at the prolonged obstinacy, threw himself upon Picaud and stabbed him to death .- Bookman.

#### A Thackeray Story.

A correspondent of London Notes and Queries contributes this anecdote of Thackeray:

Thackeray once desired to succeed Cardwell as M. P for the city of Os ford and when returning from his can vass said: "What do you think. Card well! Not one of your constituents ever heard of me and my writings." He prefaced "constituents" with a strongish adjective

Strange, if true They must have been starving in the midst of plenty.

Johnnie (to new visitor)-So you are my grandma, are you? Grandmother -Yes, Johnnie. I'm your grandma on your father's side Johnnie-Well. you're on the wrong side, you'll find

rible?"

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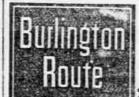
# Another Good LAND OFFERING

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The bayonet was due to the fortu-On May 22nd, the Government will open its second tract of 12,000 acres of nate inspiration of a Basque soldier. perfectly irrigated land in the Big Horn Basin, near Garland and Powell, Wyomwho, when he and his regiment, having ing. This irrigation project of the Government is first-class and reliable. This expended their ammunition, were driven to bay on a mountain ridge near land is adjacent to and along side of the Burlington Road. Powell and Garland Bayonne, suggested that they should are prosperous towns. The community is absolutely first-class, and there is not fix the long knives with which they a better place to live in the whole west for climate, sunshine, productiveness of were arnied into the musket barrels soil and many other good reasons, than the Big Horn Basin. This land is \$45.00 and charge the enemy. This advice, and acre in ten annual installments, without interest, which was followed with complete

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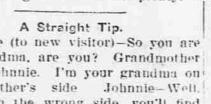
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D. CLEM DEAVER, GENERAL AGENT, Land Seekers Information Bureau, Omaha, Nebraska,

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No. ONE town, which is located on ONE East Street. But if you can't No. ONE lumber, No. ONE coal, No. ONE service, No. ONE treatment, 



cut!-Philadelphia Bulletin Horrible.

"That was an awful disaster There was only one survivor Isn't that ter-

"Fearful. What a bore he'll be!"-

What He Lacked. It is related of a South American general, who was extremely well pleased with himself, that once when about to sally forth to a grand dance

Europe.

he surveyed himself contentedly in the mirror and then soliloquized thus: "Ah! Thou hast all-bravery, wealth. position, good looks. Ah, what dost thou lack?"

Wherenpon his orderly, who, un known to the general, was close at hand, remarked:

"Sense, general, sense!"

Little Lester Livermore-Papa, what

The Difference.